GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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TREE GUARDS UNDER NREGA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the Union Government has asked the State Governments to deploy `tree guards` to protect the `average plantations` on rural roads that have been prescribed to be taken up under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana ;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The extent to which the States have already taken up the job ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a)&(b) This Ministry issued instructions to States/Union Territories for utilizing SGRY and NREGA funds for planting 100 trees (preferably fruit bearing/income yielding trees) in every Km. of road on each side on rural roads. The State Governments/UT Administrations have, inter-alia, also been advised to provide low cost tree guards to protect such plants/saplings.

(c)Action taken has not been reported by the State Governments.